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be love affairs also. (Laughter.) Simply because, the designation of a person either as Chief Minister or as Revenue Minister is also given it does not become public. Here it is only private."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know whether the Hon. the Chief Minister in his personal capacity sent any reply to that communication?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes, Sir, in the ordinary course, as any other gentleman replies to a letter, he must have replied."

Number of creches in the City.

* 206 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the number of creches at present in the City of Madras provided—

(1) by the Government, and

(2) by others?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (1) Nil, Sir.

" (2) Six, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" During 1953, the Corporation has given out that about 23,000 children died. Will the Government consider the establishment of creches so that they may reduce the mortality rate among children?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Government are not proposing to start any creches. Voluntary organizations and the Corporation of Madras have started some creches."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know the average number of mothers who make use of creches every day in the City of Madras?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have no figures with me. If a separate question is put, I shall try to furnish the figures."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Has any action been taken against any employers to induce them to provide creches for women and children?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir. The Guild of Services has provided one and Messrs. Binny & Co. have provided one for children of women in their employ."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—" May I know what is meant by creches?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Creches are ' Day Nurseries ' for infants and children when their mothers go for work."